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Business Hours at the White House.

During the winter, in order to facilitate business transacting, the White House is open from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., except Saturday afternoons, evenings, and Sundays, when the Cabinet meetings being held, it will receive by card. The business hours of his office will be from ten o'clock a.m. to 4 P.M.

LAST EVENING THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION SOCIETY HELD AN INTERESTING MEETING, an account of which will be given in our local columns.

THE WORLD of the 21st instant says: "The donkey is not the sort of animal which elicits the enthusiasm of Mr. Grant." At last we have a satisfactory reason given why the President does not admire the editor of the World.

IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED that the gentle men having charge the inauguration ball would do an excellent and popular thing by employing the Thomas orchestra that occurs, and can be done well like the suggestion. Can anything be done in some other quarter, in order that this pleasure may be enjoyed. We have heard some say they would be willing to do less expense upon that occasion if it be necessary to accomplish this object.

NUMEROUS PROPOSITIONS looking to the acquisition of telegraph lines by the Government have been presented in either branch of Congress, all of which have for an object the adoption of the postal telegraph system. The House has now called upon the Appropriation Committee to report without delay the cost of construction and present market value of all the lines in the United States, as well as the cost of constructing new lines of equal capacity. This move is intended to develop the actual expenditure required to put the postal-telegraph scheme into full operation.

THE NEW LEXISIANA SENATOR.

Yesterday it was the pleasure of many of his friends and acquaintances in Washington to welcome her the Hon. F. B. S. Pinckney, the late acting Governor of Louisiana, and, by the recent action of the Legislature of that State, the Senator elect for the long term, which commences on the 4th of March. This position won by his talents, perseverance and undeviating devotion to the cardinal principles of the Republican party, placed Mr. Pinckney in the highest official relations occupied by any member of his race, and virtually makes him the authoritative organ of eight millions of people.

A SHORT TIME AGO A PRAYER was offered in this city for the moral improvement of editors, and the members of the favored class, belonging to New York, is out with the suggestion that this is an excellent opportunity to test the merits of the prayer gauge proposed by Professor Tyndall. There seems to be an objection to this plan, however, unless editors are allowed to choose sides. Even then, so far as our city is concerned, it would hardly be a fair test, for should it happen that the editor of our morning newspaper desires to range himself, as against all the others, on the side to be prayed for, he might be induced to believe with Tyndall after the experiments had concluded.

THE ESTABLISHMENT in our midst of an agony, similar in its purposes to the mercantile agencies of New York and other large industrial cities, is in our growth, and shows that a short time ago we justly claim consideration as a mercantile center. It is well that we have an office where reliable information concerning the status of our business men can be obtained. As a rule, our established business men are honorable in their transactions, but this office, in a measure, will check unknown sharpers from beginning business by placing within the power of their fellow-dealers the means of knowing the standing of their antecedents. Had such an office been started two or three years ago many of our respectable business houses would have been saved to inconsiderable amounts.

PERSONAL.

Lily Thompson makes more money in Memphis than anywhere else.

A German, who resides in Houston, Texas, is worth \$100,000, and drives a cart.

Ex-Senator Gwin, of California, has sold his residence, and is reported to be worth \$100,000.

Mr. Harkness, of London, teaches a class of nine hundred students.

President Thiers intends to break up the Jardins Malibis and similar establishments in Paris next summer.

Franklin Clark, well known as the author of "The Washington," is now staying at the St. James.

The fortune of Darrell's wife goes to her children to the amount of \$25,000, and is left with only a pension of \$25,000 to live on.

Mrs. Arville Chapman is the fair-haired beauty who has a dimpled ring finger to her young man at a recent meeting.

Woodrow, the famous boxer, has recently come to New York, and is to be engaged in a boxing match with the champion of the country.

The Wood's day's in murder trials need to be shortened by legislative act, so that the cases may be more rapidly disposed of. We are almost burdened by laws providing punishment, but the objection to them is that they are clumsy and cumbersome, and under them justice is very tardy. To New York and other States containing large cities where crime most abounds this question is one of great importance, and will doubtless receive careful consideration by their legislative bodies.

THE DODGE CO. OBSERVATIONS.

The caustic telegrams received from the signal corps, which were so rapidly won its way into public favor. The greater part of the people are quite willing that it should be generally recognized by the establishment of more stations, and the employment of the best assistance that can be obtained. Under its present organization the signal office has many difficulties to contend with. Its chief observers require less pay than is usually given the lower class of mercantile clerks, and so long as the existing system lasts they cannot hope for advancement. No member of Congress can make his hit by the introduction of a bill of some kind to meet this extension.

J. E. TOWNSEND, Adjutant General.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 12, 1873.

Special Agent.

I. The battalion of engineers and the engineer department, the establishment of Willits' Point, New York, has an annual income of \$10,000, and the chief of engineers, and independent of the other department or division engineers.

II. The inspections contemplated in general will be as far as relate to the examination of engineers and their post, engineer establishment.

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